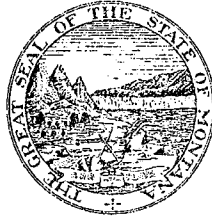


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Dear Ms. Bessette:

After reading your letter of January 21, 2009 to Mr. Fitzpatrick, I feel obligated to advise you that if you do not wish to be seen as antagonistic, please do not write antagonistic letters.

In the legislative process, a witness before a committee has no authority to compel testimony from another witness. All questioning is done by legislators. If you disagree with the testimony provided by Mr. Fitzpatrick or others, it's your responsibility to "correct the record."

I would also like for you to make a copy of the Federal law that you referenced on the fourth and fifth lines of your letter available to the Senate Energy and Telecommunications Committee as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelly Gebhardt".

Sen. Kelly Gebhardt